



Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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SAVE THE DATE: February 16, 2008

You and your family are invited to attend my third annual "Sahuaro District Spring Fling" from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 2008. This family-friendly outdoor event will be held at the Paseo Ball Fields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

Staff from over a dozen city departments will be represented with tables full of information and handouts. Adults and kids alike will enjoy getting an up close look at big trucks, vehicles and equipment from Glendale's Fire, Police, Sanitation and Transportation departments. The Police Canine Unit will hold demonstrations throughout the event. Community partners including the NHL Coyotes, Southwest Ambulance and the Glendale/Peoria YMCA will also participate.

Fun activities including inflatable jumpers, clowns and face painting will be on hand for the children. For more information call (623) 930-2016.

— Steve Frate



2008 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations. The City of Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is requesting nominations for the 12th annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The nominations are due by March 7, 2008.

The prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was developed by the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals and organizations to historic preservation efforts in Glendale. It is named after Ruth Byrne, who was the recipient of the 2002 award.

Only nominations relating to historic preservation efforts in the City of Glendale will be eligible. Awards may be given to more than one individual and/or group if several worthy nominations are received. Recipient(s) of the award will be decided March 27, 2008, at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The award will be presented at the May 13, 2008, City Council meeting. For more information or to download an award nomination form, [click here](#).



Glendale University Graduate Class - Economic Development. It's undeniable—the image of Glendale has changed dramatically in the last five years. No longer known as just a bedroom or residential community, the city is now a destination spot for tourists, sports fans and shoppers. Now, Glendale residents, who are also Glendale University 101 graduates, can learn how a city creates and executes a successful economic development plan to attract corporate headquarters, quality office facilities and upscale retailers through a new civic education class on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in room 102.

In this session, attendees will hear how Glendale attracts businesses to the city, as well as retains those already here, in order to provide quality employment and increased tax revenues to pay for vital city services. [Read more](#) about Glendale University and the new on-line enrollment process.

Around Town

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale's Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Jan. 10, Acoustic Eidolon will perform "musical poetry" with a double-necked guitar and cello. [Read more.](#)

"The Family Affair." If there is a newborn baby in your house or one is on the way, do not miss the spectacular "A Family Affair," a maternity and pediatric health fair for new and expectant families. The free event will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, January 12 in the meeting room wing at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Banner Thunderbird Medical Center's Women and Infants Services and Children's Center is co-sponsoring the fair.

Enjoy fun and helpful "mom and baby" tips, growth and development information, child safety and health resources, exhibitor booths, product demonstrations, activities for children, instructive speakers and more!

For more information about the fair, call Karleen Lee at (602) 865-5908.

Ask the Dog Trainer. If you have a dog, or are thinking of getting one, do not miss "Ask the Dog Trainer" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the meeting room of Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Gail Meserve, a local dog trainer/behaviorist, will be on hand to talk about life with dogs.

No dogs are allowed at the program. Reservations are not required for this free program. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

That Thursday Thing! "Glendale's Top Chefs." On Thursday, January 17, from 5 - 8 p.m., come hungry and enjoy a culinary event in downtown Glendale - "Glendale's Top Chefs." Many shops will have extended evening hours and you'll have an opportunity to sample "Glendale's Top Chefs," the eighth edition of Historic Downtown's cookbook.

Visitors will begin their culinary journey at the Glendale Visitor Center where they will receive a list of merchants who have recipes highlighted in the book. Participants will then go on a culinary journey to pick up the recipe labels to complete their cookbook. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Join us as we celebrate the life and ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. with a special luncheon on January 18 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn. Dr., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year's keynote speaker will be poet, author and professor Nikki Giovanni. For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here.](#)

Juried Art Show. The Juried Art Show will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Jan. 19-Feb. 17. Enjoy original art works, ranging from paintings to sculpture, created by Arizona artists. This free show will be held Wednesdays - Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12-4 p.m.

Get Hooked. . .on Crocheting. The Desert Crochet Guild presents "Get Hooked!" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Participants will receive a hands-on demonstration of the basics of crochet in this free three-hour program. All skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Come and enjoy antique engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls and a tractor parade at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Feb. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will also feature food and beverages, as well as kids' rides for a nominal fee. For more information, visit www.aedgeta.org or call (623) 435-3955. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids age 12 and under are free.

Literally, tons of fun at Touch-a-Truck. The entire family will enjoy the 8th Annual Touch-a-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

It's a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get some fun snapshots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler! For more information on this free event, call (623) 930-2044.

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